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DECISION

Jerome L. Bown
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: Baseline Environmental Data Required
: 43 CFR 3809.401 c

Dear Mr. Bown:

This is to inform you that we received the supplemental Plan of Operations information we requested on December 19, 2005. This Plan of Operations is for mining flagstone at the Desert Sienna Claims, BLM serial number UTU-79570.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.401 b, your Plan of Operations is complete. Though your plan is complete, the BLM will analyze the potential environmental impacts as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, before approving your Plan of Operations. This will determine if your plan of operations will prevent unnecessary or undue degradation. In order to complete our analysis, we ask that you provide the following information (43 CFR 3809.401 c.): Baseline surveys that characterize and identify cultural resources (prehistoric and historic), threatened and endangered plant and animal species, (including Mexican Spotted Owl), paleontological resources and hydrology.

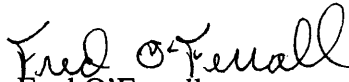
Once we receive this information we will begin analysis and write the environmental assessment. This will include compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, through Native American consultations and consultations with the State Historic Preservation Officer, and section 7 of the Endangered Species Act which includes consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (43 CFR 3809.411). Based on the results of the environmental assessment, modifications in the form of stipulations and mitigation measures may be added to your Plan of Operations before we approve the proposal. Calculations of the financial guarantee will be based on the results of the environmental assessment.

Mr. Bown
Desert Sienna - UTU 79570

A copy of your revised Plan of Operations has been forwarded to the State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for their review.

If you have any questions concerning what activity is allowed then please contact Rebecca Doolittle at (435) 636-3615.

Sincerely,


Fred O'Ferrall
Associate Field Manager

cc: ✓ Paul Baker, DOGM